## SENATE BILL 2156 By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 26, relative to fraud and abuse in TennCare.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2601(e), is amended by deleting the language "four (4) years" and by substituting instead the language "ten (10) years".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2601, is further amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (f) thereto:

(f) As used in this part, "person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, company, firm, association, or any other legal entity, and includes, but is not limited to, any health care practitioner, as well as any vendor, health insurer, managed care organization or behavioral health organization, contractor or subcontractor, or any other entity providing benefits or services to or for the bureau of TennCare.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.